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## REVOLT TRAGEDIES IN JAVA Many Dutch Civilians and Eurasians Killed

### Japanese Rescues 60 at Garuttown

BATAVIA, OCT. 15. — Indonesian nationalists have killed Europeans and Eurasians within 12 miles of Batavia and are engaged in scattered fighting in Java's interior, the Dutch news agency ANETA reported today.

DR. SOEKARNO'S INSURGENT REGIME FOLLOWED ITS DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST THE DUTCH BY ORDERING THE SEIZURE OF ALL PRIVATE PROPERTY IN JAVA.

British Maj.-Gen. D. C. Hawthorn, the Allied commander, said a proclamation that looting, sabotage, bearing of arms and refusal to surrender arms are offences punishable by death applies only to Batavia.

Aneta said Indonesians took a number of Europeans and Eurasians from a train October 12 and killed them.

A EURASIAN WITNESS SAID THE VICTIMS' BODIES, INCLUDING A EUROPEAN GIRL, WERE THROWN INTO A RIVER.

Over 20, including three Dutch and many Japanese, were killed during the past three days at Garuttown in Java's interior, Aneta reported.

Japanese troops from Bandung, 35 miles away, restored order after arriving in time to save 60 Dutch from execution, it was reported.

Indonesians mined the roads and attempted several ambushes of the Japanese column. Twenty Indonesians were killed, JAPANESE OBEY ORDERS.

Aneta said the Japanese were acting under the Allied directive to maintain order. Dutch dispatches said Soekarno's followers ordered a general work stoppage in the Batavia area.

Batavia Dutch hoped the expected arrival of British Lt.-Gen. Sir William Slim, Allied commander of land, sea and air forces, might bring a firmer British stand.

SEIZE AIRFIELD  
London, Oct. 15. — Indonesian forces have seized control of an airfield near Batavia, according to a radio report picked up here.

Indonesians armed with captured Japanese weapons were reported gathering near the Java capital after cutting the city's communications lines. There were reports of repeated clashes, but Dutch sources in London were unable to supply details, explaining that their latest information was yesterday's news of the "declaration of war" by the Indonesians.

Doctor van Mook, lieutenant-governor of the Netherlands Indies, and General Christison

### SHARP RISE IN SILVER

Melbourne, Oct. 15. — The United States decision to raise the price of silver will greatly reduce the profits of the Australian Government Mint and increase the income from taxes on mining profits. Silver in Australia has risen from 2 shillings to 7 and a half pence to 4 shillings 7 pence. One shilling now contains 9 and a quarter pence worth of silver compared to 5 and a half pence previously. It is expected that the Mint profits of 742,000 Sterling this year are no longer attainable. The Australian mines produce 14,000,000 ounces yearly and the increased price will add 1,350,000 Sterling to mine production. — Reuter.

### IN THE MILL

Tokyo, Oct. 14. — British, Russian and Chinese troops will join American forces in the occupation of Japan, but there is no word from Washington on the size of the other Allied forces nor the date of arrival, an Allied headquarters spokesman said today.

He said discussions on joint occupation had been in the mill at least 30 days. — Associated Press.

the British commander, returned to Batavia from Singapore after conferring there with Lord Louis Mountbatten. — Associated Press.

Dr. J. E. van Hoogstraten, director of economic affairs for the Netherlands Indies, arrived from Australia to confer with acting governor-general Dr. S. J. van Mook.

Soekarno complained to Lt.-Gen. Sir Philip Christison, the Allied commander of the British in the Indies, against British and Indian troops intervening on the side of the Dutch.

Aneta quoted Soekarno and his followers: "We are prepared to oppose and destroy the Dutch if British and Indians will remain neutral."

DUTCH MEASURES  
Within twenty-four hours of the "Indonesian Republic's" declaration of war on the Dutch, Eurasians and Ambonese in Java, Dutch radio stations were to-day broadcasting reports indicating the taking of Dutch counter-measures.

All men of the second battalion of the Netherlands Sixth Infantry Regiment have been ordered to re-

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## NEW DEAL FOR ITALY BEING URGED

LONDON, OCT. 15. — ACCORDING TO THE "NEW YORK TIMES" NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN BRITAIN AND AMERICA TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF CANCELLING THE ARMISTICE WITH ITALY AND SUBSTITUTING FOR IT A SIMPLIFIED DOCUMENT TO CARRY THROUGH UNTIL THERE IS A PEACE TREATY.

There is no sign of willingness to publish the armistice terms. British opinion is still relatively hostile to Italy in certain influential quarters of the Foreign Ministry and although Mr. Bevin is far more friendly than his predecessor, Anthony Eden, it has not yet been possible to break this opposition.

And, unfortunately for Italians, the whole armistice question is linked by Moscow with the armistices in Rumania and Bulgaria.

It is claimed that if the armistice to Italy is to be abrogated, those with Bucharest and Sofia should also be cancelled. This matter came up at the Council of Foreign Ministers when M. Molotov proposed that the armistice with Rumania and Bulgaria be transformed into peace treaties.

The Americans feel that the armistice with Italy is completely useless now. For one thing eighty per cent. of its clauses are now obsolete and inoperative.

PRACTICAL NECESSITY  
If only for practical reasons there should be a new modus vivendi arranging for free passage of troops, use of highways and harbours, support of forces remaining in Northern Italy and certain financial clauses which still remain in force.

Along with the acceptance of this document would go abrogation of the armistice which, although obsolete, in fact places Italy juridically still under the status of an enemy country deprived of many sovereign privileges as well as the right to join the United Nations.

Continuance of this degrading situation may lead to serious political results.

The Government feels it cannot hold elections while Italy is still occupied as an enemy country. She cannot make proper commercial agreements with other nations to help her desperate economic situation. And in spite of everything, she remains under the armistice terms, which in theory are those of unconditional surrender. — Reuter.

There are not yet any British Consuls in the previously Japanese occupied areas and they are much needed in Shanghai, Canton, Hankow and Tientsin.

While the Chinese have not yet admitted Consuls in their territory, the Foreign Office has difficulty in finding consular personnel for the last six years and many with previous service, are now with the UNRRA or in other services.

In refusing the visas, the Chinese argue that most of the places are still military areas but, says the correspondent, "there is undoubtedly some reason in the matter as we are not yet re-admitting Chinese Consuls to Singapore and Hongkong and until we do, the Chinese are likely to take the same attitude." — Reuter.

### MERE FORGETFULNESS?

Lisbon, Oct. 15. — The Salazar regime last night suppressed the Lisbon evening newspaper "Diario Popular."

The paper was asked to publish an editorial in favour of Mr. Salazar's regime, it is stated. The Director of the paper refused and the paper was suppressed. — Reuter.

### True Press Freedom

WASHINGTON, OCT. 15. — REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE ARE THROWING THEIR SUPPORT BEHIND MEASURES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE TRUE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AROUND THE WORLD.

Rep. Joseph Martin, House Republican leader, predicted the house would approve the proposal to prohibit sending American relief funds or supplies to any countries which do not permit true freedom of the press.

"We should not send our money to countries that will not let us know what they are doing with it," was the sentiment expressed by another congressman. — Associated Press.

## Fleet For China Coast Trade

CONSTRUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES IS NOW IN PROGRESS ON A MERCHANT FLEET OF 50 VESSELS RANGING IN SIZE FROM 12,000 TO 4,500 TONS FOR THE CHINA COASTAL TRADE.

These have been ordered by the Chinese National Shipping Company and are scheduled for delivery within the next two years.

These ships will be used mainly in the Central and South China coastal trade and the company will maintain an office in Hong Kong, according to authoritative quarters.

No resumption of British China Coast trade is yet possible, as difficulties with China have yet to be ironed out, stated Admiral Harcourt, in reply to questions at a press conference yesterday.

The C-in-C said that Canton was anxious for speedy restoration of communications and, he had no doubt, negotiations would settle other problems satisfactorily. His Excellency pointed out that China was short of materials as was the rest of the world and unless some control was exercised, things might be exported which China could ill spare.

The British stress that the Japanese are leading some Amami forces and that Japanese are manning machineguns.

## NAAFI RIGHTS FOR CIVILIANS?

A SUGGESTION THAT ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKERS BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO MAKE PURCHASES AT NAAFI CANTEENS AND CERTAIN OTHER PRIVILEGES, WAS PROMISED OFFICIAL CONSIDERATION AT A GOVERNMENT HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

The C-in-C, Admiral Harcourt, indicated that it was Government's intention to try and do more for people who were not interned, but who had as bad a time, if not worse.

It was easy, H.E. pointed out, to handle the problem of ex-internees, but those "outside" presented more complications. Early arrangements were naturally very rough and ready, but the whole question was under study, together with that of communal housing and feeding.

The "China Mail" understands that plans are already being discussed making provision for a civilian club, something on the lines of the Officers' Club in the Gloucester.

It was, however, stressed that whether or not it is decided to go ahead with the Ping-shan scheme, or whether some alternative plan is adopted, it is essential that better facilities be provided than are available at Kai Tak, if Hong Kong is to take its place as a key point on the trunk routes between Europe and Asia and the Pacific.

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## Hong Kong As Key Point in Airways

PINGSHAN IS BEING SURVEYED BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE WITH A VIEW TO THE LAYING OUT OF AN EXTENSIVE MODERN AIRFIELD CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE LATEST FOUR-ENGINE TRANS-PORT PLANES.

BUT THE SURVEY HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED AND NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO EMBARK ON THE PINGSHAN PROJECT, WHICH WILL COST MILLIONS IN HONG KONG DOLLARS.

This was disclosed by official quarters yesterday.

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## LARGE FIRES IN SAIGON AREA

SAIGON, OCT. 15. — IN MINOR ATTACKS ON A HYDERABAD UNIT POST, TWO ANNAMITES HAVE BEEN KILLED AND OTHERS WERE DISPERSED BY 3-INCH MORTAR FIRE.

LARGE FIRES WERE BURNING IN CHOLON, THE CHINATOWN ADJOINING SAIGON.

BRITISH OFFICIALS HAVE WARNED THE ANNAMITES THAT IF THEY ATTACK BRITISH TROOPS WHO ARE ACTING IN LINE OF DUTY, THOSE ARRESTED WILL BE SUMMARILY COURT-MARTIALED AND SHOT.

The British, however, said they did not know of any executions among the 800 surrendered Annamites. — Associated Press.

British Royal Air Force units aided by 100 Japanese soldiers, made a pre-dawn attack yesterday on natives who had assembled within 300 yards of the Saigon airport.

After a three-hour clash, the Annamites were pushed three miles from the air strip.

(A later dispatch said the Singapore radio reported the British had captured the headquarters of the Annamites' Viet Minh part in Indo-China.)

A communiqué said Gorkhas repulsed an Annamite attempt to cross the Saigon river after an attack on the docks there. Mortar and machinegun fire was exchanged in mid-Saigon in early morning.

JAPANESE AID  
The French said the Annamites attempted to infiltrate in the marketplace with probable Japanese aid. The natives used hand grenades and wounded a French soldier. They started several fires. Fires were raging yesterday in Cholon, the Chinese settlement adjoining Saigon.

The French reported a stalemate northeast of Saigon. In other sections the British encountered ambushes. Two Annamites were killed in an attack on a Hyderabad unit post and others were dispersed. Sniping continued in Saigon's powerhouses.

The British are trying to open a line of communication outside Saigon to facilitate the dismantling of about 80,000 Japanese. — Associated Press.

The British authorities are turning over captured Annamites to the French as civil insurgents, because they are not British subjects.

Japanese who are continuing to fight against Allied forces along with the Annamites will be judged as an enemy continuing resistance.

The British stress that the Japanese are leading some Amami forces and that Japanese are manning machineguns.

THE BRITISH PRESS CONTINUES TO SHOW KEEN INTEREST ABOUT THE PALESTINE SITUATION.

The veteran Labour journalist, Hammen Swaffer, writes in "People" that civil war may be started by the Arabs if homeless and desperate Jews are allowed entry and by the Jews unless they are granted leave to do so.

"Americans demand — 'Let Jews in' and 'Give them a National Home' and their government withdraws all American troops from Palestine in case they get into the mess and does nothing to find a home for survivors of concentration camps who have close relatives in the United States, complains the journalist.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Sunday Dispatch" says that "President Truman is considering advocating the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine in the place of the Arab State envisaged by the British in 1939."

President Truman does not press for this larger issue — at least for the time being — if the British government does something to meet his request that one hundred thousand displaced European Jews should be allowed as immigrants to Palestine. — Reuter.

RUSSIAN DOCUMENTARY  
Luneberg, Oct. 14. — A Russian documentary film of the Auschwitz concentration camp was received at Luneberg yesterday for use in the prosecution case against 45 defendants in the war crimes trial of the Belsen and Auschwitz camps personnel.

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## LAVAL POISON DRAWN

PARIS, OCT. 15. — VICHY PREMIER PIERRE LAVAL ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE THE FIRING SQUAD BY TAKING POISON IN HIS CELL JUST BEFORE HIS EXECUTION WAS DUE.

The prison doctors are working hard to save his life. At present, M. Laval hovers between life and death.

When the magistrates entered M. Laval's cell this morning at 8.45 a.m. (Paris Time) and told him he was about to be taken to be executed, M. Laval, turning his head away for an instant, suddenly stuffed a small glass phial, containing poison, into his mouth and a second later was rolling on the floor in agony.

It is believed that the prompt intervention of the doctors will result in the effects of the poison being averted.

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## LATEST NOTICES

## REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 19

## S.S. "EMPIRE LAGAN"

The undersigned persons are requested to present by the Republic of China to the United Kingdom on Friday (19th) or Saturday (20th) inst.

Spr. B. A. Mahor  
Opl. B. Morrison  
Pto. W. D. McMaster  
Mrs. P. Vorobioff  
Pto. A. G. Livingston  
Sgt. G. D. L. Johnson  
Mrs. M. Johnson  
Mr. J. Lee  
Mrs. Z. Komorsky  
Opl. W. Houston  
Mrs. S. J. M. Humphrey  
Sgt. E. G. K. Humphrey  
Mrs. D. M. Peterson  
Mrs. H. J. Hunt  
Miss A. M. Hunt  
Miss B. O. K. Anstey  
Miss O. Anstey  
Miss B. S. Aldina  
Mrs. M. O. Bakstian  
Miss M. N. Baxter  
Miss A. Borcia  
Mrs. M. V. Blake  
Mrs. L. W. Braga  
Miss J. P. Braga  
Miss B. M. Braga  
Mrs. B. Gilbert  
Mrs. G. Gilbert  
Mrs. A. Bickert  
Miss M. S. Watson  
Miss M. M. Tyrrell  
Mrs. M. White  
Miss M. White  
Master D. B. White  
Mr. J. W. Anderson  
" B. W. Anderson  
" J. V. Braga  
Dr. G. C. Canaval  
Mr. G. Crookshank  
" N. V. A. Croucher  
" D. L. Dawson  
" P. H. Eedakoff  
" P. Gilbert  
" W. Gillies  
" G. Guoroi  
" J. Kampton  
" J. Kiamstrud  
" H. Hallgreen  
" A. C. H. Lay  
" A. T. Lay  
" J. D. McJatohio  
" W. McLeod  
" B. Plumb  
" E. P. Streetfield  
" F. A. White  
" J. Michals  
" N. A. Kotbari

Mrs. J. Franklin, POX105057.  
L/Pl. R. Drinkwater, 1450/460.  
Fus. V. Simmons, 703/735.  
Pto. M. P. Kelly, 1499/036.  
Mao: J. R. Mumford.  
FOX102007.

It is always desirable for repatriates to take a small folding stool and a pillow. Plenty of old shorts and khaki shirts are desirable as washing facilities are generally small.

REPATRIATION OFFICER.  
16th October, 1945.

## NOTICE

Information is required of the whereabouts of Next of Kin of the following members H.K.V.D.C. who are believed to have been killed or died—

Pte. P. Edwards (No. 3 Coy.)  
Cmr. Chan U. Chan (5th Battery)  
Pte. Cheung Man Wah (Field Ambulance)  
Cmr. Cheung W. Yee (5th Battery)  
L/Pl. E. Hing (No. 3 Coy.)  
Cmr. L. K. Ho (1st Battery)  
L/Bdr. Lao H. Nain (5th Battery)  
Pte. T. S. Lau (No. 3 Coy.)  
Pte. A. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)  
Pte. J. P. F. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)  
L/Cpl. K. H. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)  
Pte. S. T. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)  
Pte. H. W. Lin (No. 3 Coy.)  
Pte. Wm. Low (No. 7 Coy.)  
Cpl. P. L. Ng (No. 4 Coy.)  
Cmr. K. K. Poon (5th Battery)  
Pte. S. E. Roberts (No. 3 Coy.)  
L/Bdr. A. J. Roebuck (4th Battery)  
Pte. R. A. Rapp (A.S. Coy.)  
L/Bdr. F. Schmeigel (4th Battery)  
Cmr. T. S. Wei Man (5th Battery)  
Cmr. A. Ulrich (5th Battery)  
Cmr. P. H. A. Ulrich (5th Battery)  
Cmr. Y. W. Yung (1st Battery)

There is no record of Next of Kin in H.K.V.D.C. records.

E. N. THURSBY  
Major & Adjutant.  
H.K.V.D.C.

## NOTICE

The public are hereby informed that I have authorized HARRY ALAN TAYLOR to continue to act as Superintendent of the Import & Export Department until further notice.

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Colonel.  
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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## HIROHITO'S LATEST

The shifts and dodges exploited by Japanese close to Emperor Hirohito in efforts to represent the constitutional reform programme as emanating from the Emperor instead of from General MacArthur's headquarters, show very clearly that Japanese leadership remains gravely suspect. To attribute the fandangling to Oriental face-saving is too easy an explanation dangerous to accept. The Allies face a formidable enough task in bringing home to the Japanese people full consciousness of their war guilt and the real facts of the completeness of their defeat in every sphere of operation. Every trick of Hirohito and his advisers to misguide Japan is a challenge to General MacArthur. Every misrepresentation emphasizes that the real lesson of Japan's collapse remains to be forced home. Already there is dissatisfaction in Australia with the course of events. It is not that General MacArthur's judgment is not trusted. But it is felt that if the handling of the show had had less of an all-American flavour, his task would have been rendered much easier. As it is, the Hirohito-Konoye combine needs the sharpest reminder that if the Emperor remains on his throne, it is only because it is an advantage to employ him as the one tool which at this particular moment can most satisfactorily smooth the way for the job in hand. Because of the blind fanaticism with which the Japanese obey their Emperor the surrender has been stage-managed with a minimum of difficulty. But there can be no question of leaving the Japanese people with the idea that the Imperial Person is sacrosanct, or worse, that the Allies accept an Imperial structure built upon belief in the Emperor's divinity. As long as he is permitted to remain, he must be considered no more than an impressive rubber stamp for the endorsement of the decisions of Allied Headquarters. It is a bitter pill for the Konoyes of Tokyo, maybe. But it is coated with a mixture of their own brow- ing, to which every horror in the calendar of human crime, perpetrated or sanctioned by them, has contributed. If they cannot take it quickly, forced down it must be.

## Another Escapee Back

Another escapee from Hong Kong is back in the Colony. He is Pte. Anthony F. Carmo, H.K.V.D.C., who went on A.W.O.L. from internment at Murray Barracks in the first days of January, 1942.  
Pte. Carmo, a Portuguese subject, went to Macao after discarding uniform and from there, after a stay of five months, to Kwelin where he joined the B.A.A.G. and later, the United States Army Services of Supply in June, 1943. In the last two years of the war, he was with the United States Air Corps Engineers (4th Army Air Force). One of his jobs was delivering Lease-Lend Convey Engineer Supplies to the Chinese National Government at Luichow.

## BLACKHEATH HONOURS WOODERSON

The British champion miller, Sydney Wooderson, who recently announced his intention to run next year at three miles and five thousand metres, instead of the miles to be honoured by his Club, London's Blackheath Harriers. They are to present him with an illuminated notice to commemorate not only his great race at Gotherborg when, although beaten by Arne Anderson, he ran the fastest mile ever done by an Englishman but also for the great services to British athletics in general and to his club in particular.—Reuter.

## Shipowners To Meet On Fixed Fares

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIXING OF OFFICIAL PASSENGER FARES FROM HONG KONG TO CANTON AND MACAO, THE "CHINA MAIL" IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CAPT. YANG, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF YU CHEONG SHIPPING AND TRADING CO., LEARNED YESTERDAY THAT A MEETING OF SHIP-OWNERS WILL BE CALLED SOME TIME THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS AN APPROACH TO THE AUTHORITIES FOR A REVISION OF FARES.

Capt. Yang stated that hitherto the fare for a second passenger has been \$150. The official rate is now fixed at \$18, while a steamer ticket has been brought down from \$30 to \$45.

Urging the hardship to shipping companies, Capt. Yang said that the amount of coal provided at official rates was not sufficient to meet the needs. The pre-war price of a ton of coal was \$8 and now the black market rate is \$800. The requirement for the round trip to Canton is 30 tons.

Very little income is derived from freight in exports from Hong Kong. Salt fish, which was exported to a very large extent, is now on the banned list.

The Yu Cheong Company have two vessels plying under its flag. The Hai Chu, of 700 gross tons, is on the Hong Kong-Canton run, while the Fook Tai (400 tons) is on the service to Macao. Each vessel does four trips a month.

Capt. Yang said yesterday that in view of the fixed rates, the services might be stopped or curtailed. However, this would depend on the meeting to be convened shortly, and the official response to representations by shipowners.

Capt. Yang was, prior to the war, Marine Superintendent of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company.

## Italy's Hyde Park

A CROWD ESTIMATED AT 20,000, CARRYING RED BANNERS, PACKED THE HISTORIC RUINS OF THE GREAT AMPHITHEATRE ON ROME'S PALATINE HILL ON SUNDAY IN A COMMUNIST-SOCIALIST DEMONSTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS.

Similar mass meetings were held throughout Italy. The meetings appeared to have been designed more as a leftist show of strength than a demonstration for early elections since the Communist and Socialist members of the government are aware that elections are impossible this year.

Premier Parri said recently that elections will not be held until Italy is regarded as at least a provisional sovereignty.

The speakers in Rome drew the greatest applause with anti-throne slogans. One Communist leader called for an end to Allied occupation so "we can govern ourselves."—Associated Press.

## JAP ATROCITIES ON QUEMOY

Chungking, Oct. 15. It was disclosed here to-day that the Japanese forced the inhabitants of the tiny island of Quemooy, off the Fukien Coast, to smoke opium produced from poppies which the Japanese compelled them to grow during the years of the war. Every Chinese woman and girl aged between fourteen and forty who lived on the island was forced to serve in rotation in the three so-called comfort-houses, which were actually Japanese army brothels.

When the Japanese started their offensive in Eastern Kwantung last April they took more than fourteen hundred Chinese coolies and eight hundred pack animals, none of whom have been seen since.

The people of the island now demand that the Japanese officers responsible for the atrocities General Tokumoto, be added to the list of war criminals.—Reuter.

## WINNIE UNWELL

London, Oct. 15. Mr. Churchill is confined to his house with a sore throat and it is now thought that he will be unable to attend either to-morrow's parliamentary debate on the supplies and housing bill, or the housing debate on Wednesday.  
Mr. Churchill was to have led the Opposition in both these debates and parliamentary circles have been looking forward to his crossing swords with the Minister for Housing, Mr. Amos, on Wednesday.  
Mr. Churchill, who will be 70 tomorrow, was visited by Lord Moran, his doctor.  
It is stated that there is a chest complication.—Reuter.

## LAST RUN

London, Oct. 15. The final edition of "Star and Stripes," the U.S. army newspaper, paid salutes on Sunday to President Truman, General Eisenhower, Prime Minister Attlee and

## Bulging Files Greet U.S. Consul

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN HONG KONG WAS OPENED OFFICIALLY YESTERDAY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A VICE-CONSUL, MR. STEPHEN C. BROWN, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE LONDON EMBASSY FOR THREE YEARS. HE LEFT SHANGHAI JUST BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE PACIFIC WAR.

AMERICAN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT THE CONSULATE DUTIES PARTIALLY, PENDING HIS ARRIVAL.

One of the bulging files awaiting the consul's attention contains the names of American-born Chinese or those with relatives there who want to go to the United States.

More than 200 persons have left their names, hoping to get relief from the American government or repatriation, or both. The ordeal of the years of war and the participation of American troops in the war in China seem to have emphasized the United States as a promised land to many Chinese.

Repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act by the United States undoubtedly is another factor, although the quota of Chinese immigrants allowed is very small.

## MANY DISAPPOINTMENTS

Employees at the office during the military administration of it expressed the belief that most applicants will be disappointed because they let their American citizenship obligations lapse. Others have expressed hopes of getting into the United States just because a child was born there.

The new vice-consul found the consulate quarters in perfect condition. The Japanese respected the property probably more than any in Hong Kong because even paper clips and typewriters were undisturbed and all files apparently were unmolested, which was in sharp contrast to many looted Hong Kong offices.

## The Pleasant Side Of Repatriation

"I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT LESS THAN A SHORT FORGOTTEN AGO I WAS IN HONG KONG. BUT IT IS REALLY TRUE THAT WE ARE 'ROLLING' INTO BOMBAY," WRITES AN EX-INTERNEE.

"We left on H.M.S. 'Glenlyon' that wonderful White Ensign. Moving we 'repatriated' to Colombo was officially known as 'Operation Zipper' Assault by L.C.A.s etc. on Port Dickson and Port Swettenham—which was not needed."

"How thorough these men carried out their new assignment. I can truly say these 7 days were the happiest I spent—not only in 3 years 8 months, but in 5 years. Not only in material comforts and entertainment did they do a good job, but every evening we had talks from men who had actually directed affairs and been in things: 'Russia and East Coast Convoys'—'Dunkirk'—'Anti-U-Boat War in the Atlantic'—and 'D-Day Assault'."

"For news-hungry, rumour-cramped folks, what finer way of catching up with all that has happened."

"The 'Glenlyon' liked us too. Their chief officers, R.N., R.N.R., R.N.V.R. and not forgetting, the Royal Marines, accompanied us out of Colombo Harbour—after we transhipped to 'Maloja'. We came in by 'Glenlyon' 10 a.m., transhipped 11.30 a.m., and were on our way to Bombay by 12.30! Speed."

"Now this ship is Red Ensign, a combine of Government and P. & O. (the English language can be so explicit in understatement)."

"I have spent a large part of the 25 we were given in buying tinned salmon, marmalade and sweetened milk to take home as a surprise gift from a 'destitute' to a 'rationed' family. What a glorious feeling it is to be able to give something to someone else!"

## H.K.V.D.C. MAIL OFFER

An I.R.C. representative has kindly offered to take mail for H.K.V.D.C. personnel to Shanghai. He expects to leave about 20th inst. Any Volunteer wishing to take advantage of this kindness should hand his mail properly addressed into Mail Office, H.Q. Mail is awaiting collection for: H. T. Harowitz, J. W. Anderson, G. A. Goodman, J. A. Gomes, Tan Boon Chook, G. B. Boylance, A. V. Skovronsky, G. E. R. Johnson, E. Ebbels, A. M. J. Wright, Henry de Sa, Alfred Fisher, Walter H. Brown, Edgar Thompson, M. J. Delgado, R. A. Castro.

"The Times" of London. "The Times," in whose building the army papers were printed for more than three years, described the paper as "a striking example of Anglo-American cooperation."—Associated Press.

## RUSSIAN GENERAL IN ROUND-UP

Berlin, Oct. 15. Another Tiergarten black market raid on Sunday netted 2,000 suspects, including a Soviet general.

Led by four tanks and a fleet of armoured cars, the British military and German civilian police charged into the crowds to make the arrests.

They picked up two truckloads of Russian soldiers while a number of American soldiers, armed capture.—Associated Press.

## Indian's Trial For Murder

A 26-YEAR-OLD INDIAN WATCHMAN, GHULAM NABI, WAS CHARGED AT THE STANDING MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY, WITH THE MURDER OF ANOTHER WATCHMAN, GHULAM ALI, AT NO. 10, STANLEY STREET, ON SEPTEMBER 8.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Squadron Leader Peter Russell of R.A.F. and Captain Lewin David Jeffries, South Wales Borders, comprised the Court.

Mr. A. el Arculli pleaded not guilty for the accused, while Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, assisted by Chief Detective Inspector Cunningham, was for the prosecution.

Mr. Brooks said the accused, deceased and some other Indians were employed at the Gloucester Hotel, and were living in their staff quarters at No. 10, Stanley Street.

On the night of September 8, a waiter, Ho Man, who was also living in the premises, was having a bath at about 9.30 p.m. when he heard some shouting in the street. He rushed to the verandah but could not see anything. He woke four Indian watchmen, who were sleeping at the time, and went down to the street where he saw the body of accused on the side channel, near the entrance to No. 10, Stanley Street.

Meaning Sergeant Wilcox, Central Police Station, received a report about the crime and went immediately to the scene with Mr. Luscombe, A.S.P., and Inspector Cunningham. On arrival, Sgt. Wilcox found the body of the deceased and a chopper lying on the ground.

Accused was arrested at No. 359, Hennessy Road, residence of Ghulam, Mohammed, watchman. He was sleeping when Sgt. Wilcox arrived. Nothing was found on defendant but there was a large bruise on his left hand. He said this was caused by a fall from a tram.

A pair of trousers was found on the premises bearing stains, and accused said he stained it while preparing a chicken for the evening meal.

The body of deceased was removed to the Public Mortuary where Dr. K. T. Loke conducted a post-mortem.

After evidence by Dr. Loke of the Mortuary and other witnesses, the case was adjourned.

## MR. BEVIN BUYS A COTTAGE

London, Oct. 15. Before the General Election results came through, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Secretary, bought a cottage in the country. If the Conservatives won, he thought he had at last in sight the holiday he had been yearning for throughout arduous years as Minister of Labour.

But Labour got in. Mr. Bevin lost his holiday.

Instead, he found eminence in foreign fields. Now he is just beginning to find time to slip away for a week-end to his new cottage.

During the recent Foreign Ministers' deadlock, Mr. Bevin never had more than four or five hours of sleep during the night and sometimes less.—Reuter.

## MATSUMOTO'S TASK

Tokyo, Oct. 15. Sunichi Matsumoto, former Vice-Foreign Minister in the Tojo War Cabinet, has been appointed head of the Committee, considering revision of the Japanese constitution, of the new Japanese News Agency. The reconstruction of the Imperial Palace, which was damaged by an air raid on May 25, will not be started for the present. In view of the condition of the general air raid sufferers, according to an official announcement.—Reuter.

## NOTICE

The Bata Shoe Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, desire to warn their patrons that articles now being sold in the Colony bearing the Bata trademark, are goods either obtained from the Japanese who looted the Bata godowns or were manufactured locally during the Japanese occupation, the name "Bata" being used without our knowledge or permission.

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## BATA SHOE COMPANY.

## NOTICE

## REGISTRY OF MARRIAGES.

The public are hereby informed that the former normal procedure in respect of marriages in the Colony will be observed. Marriage certificates forms as supplied to licensed places of worship may be obtained at the Registry of Marriages, Supreme Court.

C. D'ALMADA E CASTRO.  
Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

## THE SHEK O DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Shareholders will be held in the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master 4th floor, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, on Thursday, October 18th, 1945, at 5.00 p.m.

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## NOTICE

The Directorate Staff and General Administrative Branch of the Civil Administration will be located at the former Colonial Secretary's Office, Lower Albert Road, as from Monday, October 15, 1945.

Telephone numbers will not be altered.

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# Fifty-Three-Hour Rail Trip To Canton

AN ASTHMATIC LOCOMOTIVE COUGHING UP AND DOWN THE LINE IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP UP WITH PRIORITY CALLS SENT OUT BY CHINESE ARMY PERSONNEL EN ROUTE TO KOWLOON PROVIDED OUR REPORTER WITH 53 HOURS OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TRAVEL.

TWENTY-FOUR OF THESE WERE SPENT AT SHEKLUNG, LARGEST CITY ON THE LINE. HERE THE NEW FIRST-ARMY HAD ALREADY DISARMED THE JAPANESE GARRISON AND DISPATCHED THEM BY BOAT TO TUNG KUN. THIS UNIT IS MOVING SLOWLY UP THE LINE, ATTENDING TO DISARMING DUTIES.

Large arms depots have been established in Sheklung where curious Chinese civilians and travellers keep gaping at the piled-up captured material. This includes many Japanese army trucks, most of them in rickety condition as a result of lack of repair facilities.

The journey commenced at Yau-mat Railway Station shortly after 10 p.m. on October 9. Flying-Officer H. Lees, D.F.C., providing our reporter with a jeep-ride to that station from Tsimshatsui. F.O. Lees is transport manager for the British section of the line.

The journey to Lowry was uneventful, company being provided by three Commando ranks, Fan-ling-bound. Acquaintance was struck up here with one Chinese student, bent on a University career in Canton.

TICKET NO. 2

At Lowry, our reporter alighted and followed the railtrack to Shum-chun "bridge," which he crossed rather precariously, being in a state of mind to be not half-way across by a Chinese vegetable hawkler balancing two large baskets on a pole and completely blocking the way!

A two-sided trade of abuse resulted, the vegetable hawkler refusing to give way. The balancing act that followed in getting around provided the only nervous moment of the whole journey.

At Shum-chun the train for Tai Sha Tau (Canton's main station) was waiting with steam-up and the journey commenced a few minutes later. The ticket-seller started his rounds and our reporter purchased Ticket No. 00002 of the new rail service. It cost 1,470 Chinese National dollars.

The first stations were occupied by the Chinese 13th Army who were largely disinterested in the train's passengers. The locomotive, fueled with firewood, was attempting to pull 12 coaches and was making very slow work of it.

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## A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

London, Oct. 10.

While Italy's people go short in housing and food, 74-year-old Marshal Badoglio, the man who signed the armistice terms with the allies in to-day living in a state of self-imposed semi-seclusion in his palatial villa on Rome's outskirts.

Its gates are heavily chained and padlocked. A strong cordon of police constantly guard the high walls surrounding its extensive grounds. "What is Badoglio doing?" Not of the allies, I understand," says Reuters' correspondent, "but of his own countrymen, with apparent reason."

Stones, missiles, threatening notes and even bottles have been hurled over his high walls.

He has, however, the consolation of comfort and company. Those who have been inside will say it is the last word in "Hollywood luxury" with subdued lighting, radio-gramophone, telephone, magnificent furniture in every room while a swimming pool sparkles on the fourth floor.

HOMELESS PREMIER

While Italy's former Leader hides in luxury his country's present Premier, Ferruccio Parri, works amidst discomfort. He is earning the nickname of "The homeless Premier of a homeless nation."

Parri is unable so far to find an apartment for his family now living in one room in a friend's flat. When he first reached Rome

## BRITAIN MUST DECIDE SAYS INDIAN LEADER

LONDON, OCT. 10.

MR. JOSHI, 70-YEAR OLD GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS, TOLD "REYNOLDS NEWS" THAT THE "POLITICAL PARTIES IN INDIA ARE GOING AHEAD WITH THEIR ELECTION PROGRAMME."

A HELPING HAND, HOWEVER, FROM BRITISH DEMOCRACY—THE OLDEST IN THE WORLD—WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL SECTIONS.

He welcomed the suggestion that an All-Party Parliamentary deputation should be present in India during the election. "The very presence of such a deputation would encourage the democratic forces in India," Mr. Joshi added.

As to the possibility of securing free and democratic elections, Joshi said, "the British Government has not yet fully appreciated the strength of public opinion in India calling for the abrogation of irksome and unnecessary ordinances still in operation."

"They affect the freedom of the press, assembly and speech. There is no valid reason for their continuation now that war is over. 'Another point is that there are still thousands of political prisoners who are held in gaol detained without trial and some sentenced to various terms of imprisonment."

WAR CRIMINALS

Anyone who has been subjected to torture at the hands of the Japanese, Koreans or Formosans or who is an eye-witness of any such atrocities and can identify the torturer is requested to call at the office of:

S.O. (I), 2ND FLOOR, HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANK or S.O. (I) 1ST FLOOR, PENINSULA HOTEL.

This notice does not apply to those who have already submitted statements.

NOTICE

The Central Executive Branch of Civil Affairs has moved to the 1st Floor of Post Office Building with the following telephone numbers:

Col. T. R. Rowell... 39545 Lt. Col. H. Owen Hughes... 39517 General Office... 39571

Signed T. R. ROWELL, Colonel C. A. Central Executive Branch

POLICE NOTICE STRAY DOGS.

Dog owners are warned that all stray dogs will be shot by police or service patrols.

W. L. B. SPARROW, R. P. D. C. A. (Police) 19th October, 1945

## Japanese Industry To Be Aided

TOKYO, OCT. 10.

GENERAL MACARTHUR TO-DAY ORDERED ALL JAPANESE STOCKS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS INCLUDING WASTE OILS, MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY FOR ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN INDUSTRIES AND CONSUMERS.

Large Japanese petroleum stocks held by the occupation forces will be released for distribution through the Home Ministry. The Japanese will be required to report the monthly disposition of petroleum, according to consumer categories, such as fishing boats, household fuels.

The financial newspaper "Nippon Sangyo Keizai" reported the first big concern to be dissolved will be Yasuda. It said the Yasuda combine, which controls 20 corporations and is financially interested in 24 others, has announced its plans to dissolve. Associated Press.

Australian-born Australian Chinese Volunteers and their families, who desire repatriation, should now apply in writing to the Adjutant H.K.V.D.C. forwarding naturalization papers if in their possession.

from the North to take up the post of Premier he had a small bed set up in the office. Here he slept for some weeks before a friend took pity on him.—Reuters.

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MANICURIST—Miss Lilian Woo (formerly of Cane & Beauty Salon) is now at the "Hotel Cecil" Barber Shop, Mezzanine Floor, Chater Road.

NEWSPAPER FILES belonging to the "China Mail" or "Sunday Herald" will be welcomed.

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## I. L. O. READY FOR SWAP

PARIS, OCT. 10.

GOVERNMENT, LABOUR AND EMPLOYER DELEGATES FROM 50 COUNTRIES WERE IN PARIS TO-DAY FOR THE 27TH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION.

One of the main jobs facing them was how to adapt the offshoot of the old League of Nations into the new United Nations set-up.

The conference, continuing for three weeks, is expected to take up resolutions to strike out of its constitution all references to the League and to make other changes that would permit the I.L.O. to apply for direct relationship with the United Nations organization.

Proposals also are expected that would guide the I.L.O. countries in formulating their policies on maintenance of a stable level of employment through post-war readjustment period, improvement in the welfare of children and young workers and social conditions in dependent countries.—Associated Press.

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